

## **BECOMING A CANDIDATE FOR STA/ISST CERTIFIED MEMBERSHIP**

### **1. APPLICATION**

**Requirements:** To become a candidate for STA/ISST Certified Membership, an applicant must submit a formal application via PDF in an email to the STA Admissions Committee. Please email PDF to [sta@sandplay.org](mailto:sta@sandplay.org) and mail the application fee and four copies of the preliminary paper (see “k” below) to the STA office. The application may be mailed to the STA office, but PDF is preferred. See STA Handbook for relevant forms.

The application is essentially a portfolio that must include the following:

- a) Completed application form.
- b) A brief, one paragraph autobiographical statement.
- c) Documentation of post-graduate degree.
- d) Official post-graduate course transcripts.
- e) Copy of License and/or your state’s statutes verifying that licensure is not required. If there is no licensure, there should be documentation of 1) 2000 hours of supervised certified experience or 2) two years of supervised clinical experience or 3) professional accreditation.
- f) Copy of resume or curriculum vitae.
- g) Documentation of previous analysis and/or psychotherapy including dates and total number of hours.
- h) A letter from your ISST therapist verifying completion of, or engagement in, ongoing sandplay process.
- i) Documentation of a minimum of 120 hours of STA/ISST Certified Sandplay Training. These 120 hours must include the full minimum of 18 hours of introductory course content.
- j) Documentation of at least 40 of the required 80 hours of consultation.
- k) Four copies of the first required preliminary paper, along with the preliminary paper checklist showing approval from the reader.
- l) Copy of malpractice insurance.

### **2. ADMISSIONS INTERVIEW**

**Requirement:** Once submitted, the application will be reviewed by the Admissions Chair. The applicant will then be scheduled for an interview with an Advisory Committee appointed by the Admissions Committee. The committee will make a recommendation after the interview to the Admissions Chair regarding the readiness of the applicant to become a candidate.

**Time Frame:** Interviews are generally scheduled in conjunction with STA conferences, Assemblies, Intensives, Membership meetings, and Board meetings. Once an applicant is admitted as a candidate for membership, his/ her membership application will continue to be processed in accordance with the STA policies and procedures in effect as of the date of admission as a candidate for membership. Recommendations of the Admissions Committee should be completed at this time.

**3. ADVISOR** - Candidates should check in with their advisor at least once every six months to review their process towards certified membership.

## ***BECOMING AN STA/ISST CERTIFIED MEMBER***

**REQUIREMENTS:** To become an STA/ISST Certified Member the candidate must:

- a) Complete the remaining hours of STA/ISST Certified Sandplay Training and consultation hours.
- b) Complete and have two preliminary papers approved.
- c) Complete and submit the final case study to three readers, two national and one international. With the help of his or her advisor, the candidate should contact two of the principal national readers and one international reader. A reader may not have been the applicant's therapist or consultant, or may not have had a personal relationship with the candidate. Once two national and one international reader are selected, the candidate sends a copy of the case to each with response forms, and includes self-addressed (postage paid in national cases) for the return of forms to his or her advisor and return of the case copies to the candidate. (Refer to Handbook: Case Report Process and Advisor Information - Advisor's Role in the Case Report.)
- d) Be approved for certified membership by the readers of the case study.

**Time Frame:** There is no time limit for completion of the final requirements for Certified Membership.

**To Document:** Upon completion of requirements, Appendix D and documentation of the remaining requirements should be sent by PDF to [sta@sandplay.org](mailto:sta@sandplay.org), or mailed to STA - Admissions, PO Box 4847, Walnut Creek, CA 94596 along with Form 6. See Handbook for these forms.